

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Jeff Essmann, on April 23, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 32, 4/21/2009; HJ 37, 4/21/2009;
HJ 42, 4/21/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HJ 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:55 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HJ 42, Interim study of land use laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:41 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

00:02:56 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:33 Sen. Daniel McGee, SD 29, Laurel

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:48 Sen. Barkus

00:08:05 Rep. Reinhart

00:08:34 Sen. Barkus

00:08:56 Rep. Reinhart

00:10:55 Sen. Barkus

00:11:25 Rep. Reinhart

00:13:13 Sen. Tutvedt

00:13:17 Sen. Erickson

00:13:40 Linda Stoll

00:13:54 Sen. Erickson

00:14:08 Linda Stoll

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:56 Rep. Reinhart

HEARING ON HJ 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:54 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 37, Study urban renewal area laws and financing.

EXHIBIT (los87a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:01 Kevin Nelson, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(los87a02\)](#)

00:25:14 Sen. Gillan entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:29 Sen. Tutvedt

00:29:56 Kevin Nelson

00:31:22 Sen. Gillan

00:32:34 Kevin Nelson

00:33:37 Sen. Gillan

00:34:15 Kevin Nelson

00:36:00 Sen. Erickson

00:36:46 Rep. Arntzen

00:38:02 Sen. Erickson

00:38:18 Rep. Arntzen

00:40:03 Vice Chairman Essmann

00:40:50 Rep. Arntzen

00:42:10 Vice Chairman Essmann

00:42:40 Rep. Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:56 Rep. Arntzen

HEARING ON HJ 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:06 Rep. Bob Ebinger (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HJ 32, Study impact of historic preservation and strategies for preservation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:42 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)

[EXHIBIT\(los87a03\)](#)

00:54:19 Chas Van Genderen, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(los87a04\)](#)

00:57:30 Vice Chairman Essmann left the hearing and Sen. Gillan
took over as chair.

00:57:19 Rep. Diane Sands, HD 95, Missoula

00:59:47 Kate Hampton, Natural Trust for Historic Preservation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:28 Sen. Erickson

01:02:08 Chere Jiusto

01:04:55 Sen. Jackson

01:06:06 Chere Jiusto

01:07:53 Sen. Jackson

01:08:32 Chere Jiusto

01:09:57 Sen. Gillan

01:10:25 Rep. Ebinger

01:10:56 Sen. Gillan

01:11:05 Chere Jiusto

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:27 Rep. Ebinger

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([los87aad.pdf](#))